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THEIR USE AS PDE4 INHIBITORS

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. PTO Form-1449 with 32 references cited; and
3. Copies of 26 of the 32 references cited.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.98. Please note the following particulars: [NOTE: One only of items a, b, c, and d must be checked.]

a. [XXX] The enclosed statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of a national application, or within three months of the date of entry into the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last.

b. [ ] The enclosed statement is being filed after a first action on the merits but before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. 1.113, or a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. 1.311.

The enclosed statement is accompanied by [check one]:

[ ] i. a certification in part (e) below as specified in 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), or

[ ] ii. a check in the amount required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p).

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[ ] I hereby certify that each item of information contained in the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement,

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[ ] Appropriate certification is attached.

f. [XXX] If no check is enclosed and a fee is due in connection with this communication or if the check enclosed is insufficient, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection with this communication to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

g. [XX] Copies of the documents are attached herewith with a completed PTO Form-1449.

or

[ ] Copies of the documents are not attached, with a completed PTO Form-1449 as allowed under CFR 1.98(d)(1)(2). The earlier application is identified as:

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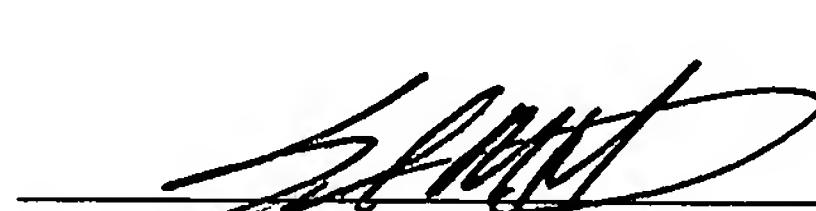
[XXX] Copies of US Patents/Publications not attached, with a completed PTO Form-1449 as allowed in Official Gazette Aug. 5, 2003/ Vol. 1273, no. 1.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to cite the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 in the next Office Action. In so doing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initial in the space adjacent to the listing of each document on the Form PTO-1449, and return a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication to Applicants, to confirm that these documents have been considered by the Examiner and made of record in this application.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, kindly telephone the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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1. Submission of Documents to Supplement Filing Documents under 35 USC 371;
2. Corrected Version of the PCT Publication WO 2005/087744 Cover Sheet;
3. PCT/IB/373 (International Preliminary Report on Patentability); and
4. PCT/ISA/237 (Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority).

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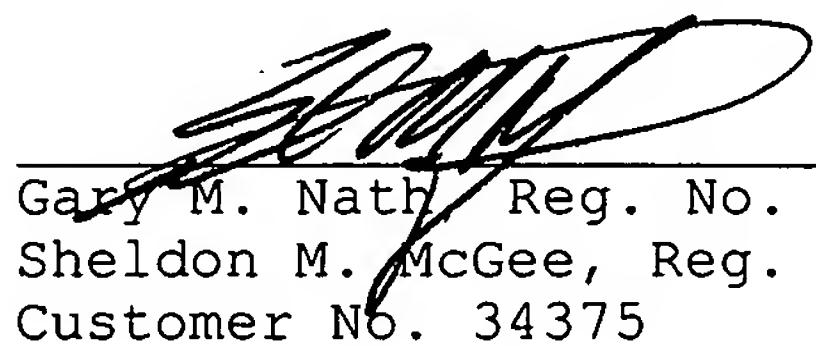
In order to supplement the filing documents for the national phase filing Under USC 371 commenced on September 1, 2006, applicant now submits the following documents:

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